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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the pricing terms and conditions only for the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) identified in 1.3 below. The rate table included in this Appendix is divided into the following five categories: Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs), Resale, Other (Resale), Other and Reciprocal Compensation. These categories are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement, including but not limited to the term “Lawful UNE,” as that term is defined and used in this Agreement.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.4 Replacement of Non-Interim Rates

Certain of the non-interim rates, prices and charges set forth in this Agreement may have been established by the Commission (“Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s)”). All rates included in this Agreement that are not specifically excluded from treatment under this Section 1.4, or that are not marked as interim or as “TBD” (To Be Determined) shall be considered Commission-established Non-Interim Rates. If, during the Term of this Agreement the Commission or the FCC modifies a Commission-established Rate(s) in an order or docket that is established by the Commission or FCC to be generally applicable to the Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, Resale discounts, or products or services (“Products or Services”) available under this Agreement (i.e. *not* an order or docket relating only to a specific complaint or interconnection agreement arbitration), either Party may provide written notice (“Rate Change Notice”) to the other Party, ***after the effective date of such order***, that it wishes for the modified Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s), (“Modified Rate(s)”) to replace and supersede the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) already set forth in this Agreement. Following such Rate Change Notice by either Party, and without the need for any formal amendment or further Commission action, the CLEC’s billing tables will be updated to reflect (and CLEC will be charged) the Modified Rate(s), pursuant to timeframes as specifically set forth in Sections 1.4.1 and 1.4.3, below, and the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as provided in Sections 1.4.1 and 1.4.3, below. Nonetheless, the Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment which shall reflect that the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) were replaced by the Modified Rate(s), and shall submit such Amendment to the state commission for approval. In addition, as soon as is reasonably practicable after such Rate Change Notice, each Party shall issue to the other Party any adjustments that are necessary to reflect that the Modified Rate(s) became effective between the Parties as provided below:

- 1.4.1 If the Rate Change Notice is issued by a Party within ninety (90) days after the effective date of any such order, the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the order, and **SBC ARKANSAS** will issue any adjustments that are appropriate (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments) to retroactively true-up the Modified Rate(s) with the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) for the period after the effective date of the order, in accordance herewith.

- 1.4.2 In the event that neither Party issues a Rate Change Notice to the other Party with respect to an order, the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) set forth in the Agreement shall continue to apply, notwithstanding the issuance of that order.
- 1.4.3 In the event that a Party issues a Rate Change Notice under this Section 1.4, but not within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the order, then the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the date the amendment incorporating such Modified Rate(s) into the Agreement is effective between the Parties (following the date the amendment is approved or is deemed to have been approved by the state commission), and shall apply, upon the amendment effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) with the Modified Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of such amendment.
- 1.4.4 In the event the terms and conditions of this Section 1.4 was not part of an approved and effective agreement between the Parties at the time the order became effective, either Party may still give a Rate Change Notice, and the Modified Rate(s) shall be effective as of the date the Parties' Agreement (the Agreement containing this Section 1.4) becomes effective (following the date the Agreement is approved or deemed to have been approved by the Commission) and shall apply, beginning on the Agreement's effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) with the Modified Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of the Agreement containing this Section 1.4.
- 1.5 The Parties understand and agree that on May 9, 2003, the Public Utilities Act of Illinois was amended to add Sections 13-408 and 13-409, 220 ILCS 5/13-408 and 13-409, and enacted into law ("Illinois Law"). The Illinois Law establishes a specific method for setting certain UNE rates in Illinois, mandates that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") apply the method and determine the rates ("ICC Rates"), and expressly deems all interconnection agreements to be amended to contain the ICC Rates immediately upon the ICC's announcement of such adjusted rates, without further action. The Parties understand and agree that the rates in the attached Pricing Schedule are based upon SBC Illinois' obligations under FCC rules and regulations, and applicable ICC orders as they existed prior to the ICC's promulgation of rates, terms and conditions pursuant to the Illinois Law. The Parties understand and agree that the ICC Rates shall automatically apply to this Agreement, and shall replace and supersede any corresponding rates currently contained in this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) as of the effective date of any such ICC order(s) upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). As soon as practical following the Written Notice, SBC Illinois shall begin billing CLEC the ICC Rates; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge and agree that no later than sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, the Parties will execute a conforming Amendment to this Agreement so that the Agreement accurately reflects the ICC Rates, and SBC Illinois will issue any adjustments, as needed (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments), to reflect that the ICC Rates became effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s) and to retroactively true-up the ICC Rates with the corresponding rates currently contained in this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) for the period after the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s), in accordance herewith.
- 1.6 **Replacement of Interim Rates**
- Certain of the rates, prices and charges set forth in this Agreement may be denoted as interim rates ("Current Interim Rates"). Upon the effective date of a Commission Order establishing non-interim rates for any rates, prices, charges, Products or Services specifically identified herein as interim, either Party may, within ninety (90) days **after the effective date of such Commission order**, provide written notice ("Replacement Rate Notice") to the other Party that it wishes to obtain the non-interim Commission-established rate(s) ("Replacement Rates") to replace and supersede the Current Interim Rate counterpart(s) in this Agreement. Following such Replacement Rate Notice, and without the need for any formal amendment or further Commission action, SBC ARKANSAS will update CLEC's billing tables to replace the Current Interim Rates with their Replacement Rate(s) counterpart(s), as specified in the

Replacement Rate Notice. Nonetheless, the Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment to reflect such Replacement Rates and shall submit such amendment to the Commission for approval.

- 1.6.1 If the Replacement Rate Notice is given within 90 days after the effective date of such order, then the Replacement Rate(s) shall apply as of the effective date of the order and **SBC ARKANSAS** will issue any adjustments that are appropriate (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments) to retroactively true-up the Replacement Rates with the Current Interim Rates for the period after the effective date of this Agreement, in accordance herewith.
- 1.6.2 In the event that neither Party issues a Rate Notice to the other Party with respect to an order, the Current Interim Rate(s) set forth in the Agreement shall continue to apply, notwithstanding the issuance of that order.
- 1.6.3 In the event that a Party issues a Rate Notice under this Section 1.6, but not within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the order, then the Replacement Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the date the amendment incorporating such Replacement Rate(s) into the Agreement is effective between the Parties (following the date the amendment is approved or is deemed to have been approved by the Commission), and shall apply, upon the amendment effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Current Interim Rate(s) with the Replacement Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of such amendment.
- 1.6.4 In the event the terms and conditions of this Section 1.6 was not part of an approved and effective agreement between the Parties at the time the order became effective, either Party may still give a Replacement Rate Notice, and the Replacement Rate(s) shall be effective as of the date the Parties' Agreement (the Agreement containing this Section 1.6) becomes effective (following the date the Agreement is approved or deemed to have been approved by the Commission) and shall apply, beginning on the Agreement's effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Current Interim Rate(s) with the Replacement Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of the Agreement containing this Section 1.6.

1.7 Notice to Adopting CLECs

- 1.7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix and Agreement, in the event that any other telecommunications carrier should adopt provisions in the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act ("Adopting CLEC"), the Adopting CLEC would only be entitled to the non-interim and/or interim rates set forth in this Agreement as of the date that the MFN'd Agreement provisions become effective between **SBC ARKANSAS** and the Adopting CLEC (i.e., following the date the Commission approves or is deemed to have approved the Adopting CLEC's Section 252(i) adoption ("MFN Effective Date")) and on a prospective basis only. Nothing in this Agreement shall entitle an Adopting CLEC to any retroactive application of any rates under this Agreement to any date prior to the MFN Effective Date and any Adopting CLEC is foreclosed from making any such claim hereunder.

1.8 The following defines the zones found in this Appendix Pricing:

<u>Rate Zone:</u>	<u>Total Access Lines:</u>
Zone 1 (Rural)	3,000 or fewer
Zone 2 (Suburban)	3,001 – 18,000
Zone 3 (Urban)	18,001 or Greater

- 1.9 **SBC ARKANSAS**' obligation to provide Interconnection, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, Resale discounts, functions, facilities, products or services ("Products or Services") under this Agreement does not extend to Products or Services for which rates, terms and conditions are not contained in this Agreement. Accordingly, to the extent a CLEC orders a Product or Service for which there are not rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, **SBC ARKANSAS** may reject the order. In the event such an order is rejected, and the Product or Service is appropriate for BFR treatment under the BFR

provisions set forth in Appendix Lawful UNEs of this Agreement, the CLEC may submit a BFR, which will be evaluated pursuant to such BFR provisions. Alternatively, if the Product or Service is available in a state commission approved Agreement in the state in which the CLEC is seeking to order the Product or Service, the CLEC may: (i) seek to adopt pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act the rates, terms and conditions for such Product or Service (including any legitimately related terms) from a state commission approved Agreement in that state in which such Product or Service is available; or (ii) seek to amend this Agreement to incorporate rates, terms and conditions for the Product or Service into this Agreement, to the extent such Product or Service is still available at the time of the request. In the event that CLEC orders, and **SBC ARKANSAS** provisions, a Product or Service to CLEC for which there are not rates, terms and conditions in this Agreement, then CLEC understands and agrees that one of the following will occur:

- 1.9.1 CLEC shall pay for the Product or Service provisioned to CLEC at the rates set forth in **SBC ARKANSAS**' applicable intrastate tariff(s) for the Product or Service or, to the extent there are no tariff rates, terms or conditions available for the Product or Service in the applicable state, then CLEC shall pay for the Product or Service at **SBC ARKANSAS**' current generic contract rate for the Product or Service set forth in **SBC ARKANSAS**' applicable state-specific generic pricing schedule as published on **SBC ARKANSAS**' CLEC website; or
- 1.9.2 CLEC will be billed and shall pay for the product or service as provided in Section 1.9.1, above, and **SBC ARKANSAS** may, without further obligation, reject future orders and further provisioning of the product or service until such time as applicable rates, terms and conditions are incorporated into this Agreement as set forth in this Section 1.9.
- 1.9.3 **SBC ARKANSAS**' provisioning of orders for such Products or Services is expressly subject to this Section 1.9 and in no way constitutes a waiver of **SBC ARKANSAS**' right to charge and collect payment for such Products and/or Services.

1.10 Establishment of "TBD" Rates

- 1.10.1 When a rate, price or charge in this Agreement is noted as "To Be Determined" or "TBD" or is blank, the Parties understand and agree that when a rate, price or charge is established by **SBC ARKANSAS** for that Product or Service and incorporated into **SBC ARKANSAS**' current state-specific generic pricing schedule as published on **SBC ARKANSAS**' CLEC website, that rate(s) ("Established Rate") shall automatically apply to the Product or Service provided under this Agreement back to the effective date of this Agreement as to any orders CLEC submitted and **SBC ARKANSAS** provisioned for that Product or Service without the need for any additional modification(s) to this Agreement or further Commission action. **SBC ARKANSAS** shall provide written notice to CLEC of the application of the rate, price or charge that has been established, and the CLEC's billing tables will be updated to reflect (and CLEC will be charged) the Established Rate, and the Established Rate will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the Agreement. The Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment which shall reflect the Established Rate to ensure that the Agreement accurately reflects the specific Established Rate(s) that apply to such Product or Service pursuant to this Section 1.10, and shall submit such Amendment to the state commission for approval. In addition, as soon as is reasonably practicable after such Established Rate begins to apply, **SBC ARKANSAS** shall bill CLEC to reflect the application of the Established Rate retroactively to the effective date of the Agreement between the Parties.
- 1.10.2 **SBC ARKANSAS**' provisioning of such orders for such Products or Services is expressly subject to this Section 1.10 and in no way constitutes a waiver of **SBC ARKANSAS**' right to charge and collect payment for such Products and/or Services.

2. RECURRING CHARGES

- 2.1 Unless otherwise identified in the Pricing Tables, where rates are shown as monthly, a month will be defined as a calendar month. The minimum term for each monthly rated Unbundled Network Element (UNE), Resale, Other (Resale), Other and Reciprocal Compensation elements will be one (1) month. After the initial month, billing will be on the basis of whole or fractional months used. The minimum service

period for UNEs provided under the BFR process set forth in Appendix Lawful UNEs of this Agreement may be longer.

- 2.2 Where rates (excluding Resale) are based on minutes of use, usage will be accumulated at the End Office Switch or other measurement point without any per call rounding and total minutes by End Office Switch or other measurement point will then be rounded to the next higher minute.
- 2.3 Where rates are distance sensitive, the mileage will be calculated on the airline distance involved between the locations. To determine the rate to be billed SBC ARKANSAS will first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No 4. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, SBC ARKANSAS will round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage and applying rates.
- 2.4 Where rates consist of usage sensitive charges or per occurrence charges, such rates are classified as “recurring charges”.

3. NON-RECURRING CHARGES

- 3.1 Nonrecurring Charges are applicable for all five (5) categories of rates.
- 3.2 Consistent with FCC Rule 51.307(d), there are non-recurring charges for each UNE on the first connection on an CLEC order as well as separate non-recurring charges for each additional connection associated with the same CLEC order at the same CLEC specified premises.
- 3.3 For Resale, when a CLEC converts an End User currently receiving non-complex service from the SBC ARKANSAS network, without any changes to SBC ARKANSAS’ network, the normal service order charges and/or nonrecurring charges associated with said additions and/or changes will apply.
- 3.4 CLEC shall pay a non-recurring charge when a CLEC adds or removes a signaling point code. The rates and charges for signaling point code(s) are identified in the applicable access tariffs. This charge also applies to point code information provided by CLEC allowing others to use CLEC’s SS7 signaling network.
- 3.5 CLEC shall pay a service order processing charge (Service Order Charge) for each service order issued by SBC ARKANSAS to process a request for installation, disconnection, rearrangement, changes to or record orders for Lawful UNEs.
- 3.6 Some items, which must be individually charged, are billed as nonrecurring charges.
- 3.7 Time and Material charges (a.k.a. additional labor charges) are defined in FCC Tariff 73.

4. BILLING

- 4.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnects and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.